

David and Goliath

1 Sam 17:22-58

1 Sam 17:22

Carriage: Sack of supplies. Baggage.

Saluted his brethren: Greeted, hugged

1 Sam 17:23

How dare anyone have the gall to degrade and defy and embarrass the name and reputation of God!

Listen to what he is saying about the armies of the living God!

1 Sam 17:24

They are fleeing for cover!

...were sore afraid—horrified, terrified and terrorized.

1 Sam 17:25

Defy: embarrass, cause shame.

Incentive program for killing giants.

External motivation was not doing the job.

...that is come up. Goliath has crossed the ravine, come up the steep incline, and is now standing on their side.

1 Sam 17:26

... taketh away the reproach from Israel? Concerned about the reputation of the people of God.

Reproach: Shame, disgrace.

...defy the armies of the living God? ... reputation of God! ... not the armies of those who serve dead idols.

1 Sam 17:27

People interested in material things.

1 Sam 17:28 ... and Eliab's anger was kindled against David,

Eliab had initially been the one who was picked for the throne by Samuel, the prophet.

... Why camest thou down hither? Why are you here, boy!? What on earth are you doing here?

...and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? You irresponsible little brat!

I know thy pride; I see right through you!

and the naughtiness of thine heart.. You have a dirty wicked and evil heart.

for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle You are come down to be seen in the midst of the battle.

1 Sam 17:29 And David said, What have I now done? What is the problem here? What have I done to be such an offense to you

Cause: Issue, a matter, a word to be spoken about this; a purpose, a mission statement to be made.

This is actually a doctrinal issue. We are concerned for the reputation of God.

1 Sam 17:31-32

David says:

1. I don't want people to get discouraged over this
2. I am your servant
3. I will go
4. I will fight

1 Sam 17:33

Youth: from the age of infancy to adolescence;

Saul didn't understand:

1. David.
2. God. God doesn't base what He does on the external.

1 Sam 17:34-37

Swindoll: *So often, when facing our own giants, we forget what we ought to remember and we remember what we ought to forget. We remember our defeats and we forget the victories. Most of us can recite the failures of our lives in vivid detail, but we're hard-pressed to name the specific, remarkable victories God has pulled off in our past. Not so with David! He says, "You know why I can fight Goliath, Saul? Because the same God who gave me power over a lion and a bear will give me power over Goliath. It is God who will empower me...so just let me at him."*

And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

Saul--giving all these pious clichés to this young man

1 Sam 17:38-39

Pink: *But David quickly perceived that such was unsuited to him: the one who has much to do with God in secret cannot employ worldly means and methods in public; the man of faith has no use for carnal weapons. Such things as ecclesiastical titles, dress, ritualistic ceremonies, which are imposing to the eye of the natural man, are but bubbles and baubles to the spiritual.*

1 Sam 17:40

Scrip (traveling pouch);

Five stones? One for Goliath and one for his 4 brothers.

1 Sam 17:41-43

Goliath was a worshipper of the false gods Dagon and Baalzebub.

He believed idols made of stone could help him defeat the God of the universe.

1 Sam 17:44

Goliath humbled...embarrassed...enraged.

He disdains him (To regard with utter contempt and disdain: despise, sneer, scorn, abhor, condemn),
He gets sarcastic (*am I a dog that you come after me with sticks?*),
then he curses David. Then, he issues a challenge (*bring it on boy*),
He threatens (*I am going to kill you and leave your carcass here for the birds and the wild animals to eat*).

Swindoll: *Intimidation. That's our MAJOR battle when we face giants. When they intimidate us, we get tongue-tied. Our thoughts get confused. We forget how to pray. We focus on the odds against us. We forget whom we represent, and we stand there with our knees knocking. I wonder what God must think, when all the while He has promised us, "My power is available. There's no one on this earth greater, You trust Me."*

David's focus? Not on the giant!

His eyes were on the Lord.

1 Sam 17:45-47

....for the battle is the Lord's

It's not my battle! It is the Lords. He will fight for me. He is the one whose reputation is at stake here.

David was simply a conduit of blessing.

God could work in and through him to win this victory.

1 Sam 17:48

...and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

Let's get it done, now.

1 Sam 17:49-51

In front of all the sideline Philistines warriors disrobes Goliath of all his armor and puts it in a pile.

1 Sam 17:52

Many of God's people--Not willing to take a stand.

Too full of their own fears and excuses as to why they can't do great things for God.

Then, an individual, most unlikely to succeed type of individual, steps forward and illustrates the power of God.

1 Sam 17:53-54

David-- with the hundreds of pounds of armor behind him.

Head of Goliath riding on top of it.

1 Sam 17:55-56

Surely Saul would recognize him.

A few years passed between the time David played before Saul and now.

David may have been 16-18 years old.

Dr. W.M. Thomson, *The Land and the Book*: We do not know how long a period intervened between the return of David to his father's house, and his appearance before the king on the morning of the duel with Goliath. If it were two or three years, it is possible that David had, in the meanwhile, suddenly shot up from boyhood to youth, tall and robust, and his personal appearance might have so changed as to bear little resemblance to the ruddy lad who played skillfully on the harp. It is a fact that lads of this country, particularly of the higher classes, are often very fair, full and handsome until about 14 yrs of age. During the next two or three years, a surprising change takes place. They not only spring into full-grown manhood as if by magic, but all their former beauty disappears; their complexion becomes dark, their features harsh and angular, and the whole expression of countenance, stern and even disagreeable...

1 Sam 17:57-58

Lessons from Goliath:

1. He thought that outward strength was the key to victory.
2. He thought that intimidation would win the victory for him.
3. He looked on the outward.
4. He let his guard down.
5. He trusted in false gods

Lessons from David:

1. David took the will of God step by step.
2. David's priorities were right
3. David's focus was right.
4. David's actions were bold.
5. David knew his own limitations.
6. David was prepared
7. David's God was real.